

BOY SCOUTS ARE TO GO
SLEUTHING FOR OUTLAWLads Will Hit the Trail Next Saturday
and Track Imaginary Crook
to His Den.

The Boy Scouts of Washington are going sleuthing on New Year's Day. In emulation of Sherlock Holmes, they will hit the trail on a deep mystery promptly at 9 o'clock in the morning. All day long they will search for clues. Then, at nightfall, they will gather around a camp-fire and tell of their observations and deductions. The Scout reporting his observations most minutely and offering the clearest lines of deduction will be declared winner.

The Scouts will go in search of a band of imaginary outlaws, starting from Tacoma Park. Eventually, they will find a supposed victim of the outlaws, upon whose body will be found a mysterious letter. There will be plenty of mystery to the whole affair, and there will be an immense field for outwitting Sir Conan Doyle's creation.

The Scouts have been instructed to bring their "frying-pan" for flap-jack and also the "makin'" for a noodle meal. It is advisable to bring a lantern of rope, too, for it may be found necessary to string up some of the outlaws.

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Lillian Whitney, M.D.

Dr. Whitney's popular articles on health and beauty subjects in several leading magazines have been attracting marked attention for a number of years. No other writer on similar topics is better equipped for the work, for Dr. Whitney has established an enviable reputation as a specialist and is endowed with the ability to make heretofore easily understood by her readers. She will answer all letters relating to her department as promptly as possible. All letters should be accompanied by a stamped envelope and should be addressed care of this paper.

WHAT TO DO FOR SPASMS AND CROUP.

Perhaps nothing alarms a mother with her first baby so much as spasms, or convulsions, especially if the child is seized with an attack at night when the doctor is not very handy. Spasms are frequently the result of teething, or of indigestion, in which cases the child is quickly relieved by giving it a warm mustard bath, rubbing the body gently while in the bath. If a bath cannot be given, a mustard pack is useful. A teaspoonful of dry mustard is rubbed up with an ounce of water and added to a quart of hot water. Into this a bath towel should be dipped and wrung around the child. While this is being applied, an enema consisting of a little glycerin and warm water or of soapy water can be given to clean out the digestive tract.

In uncomplicated cases, this simple treatment is all that is required; the cause of the trouble is removed, the child's nervous centers are quieted, it falls into a peaceful sleep and there is no return of the condition. Spasms often appear in severe nervous diseases, when, of course, the disease itself requires treatment. Croup is another condition which causes a good deal of alarm to the young, inexperienced mother. True croup is a rare disease, and is probably always diphtheritic in nature. The croup that comes on suddenly at night, with its hoarse, dry bark, usually sends terror into the mother's heart. The child should be given an emetic immediately—a little warm mustard water. If it can be induced to take it, it will usually excite vomiting in a few moments. A mixture of alum and syrup of ipecac, of which the dose is a teaspoonful, is a better remedy and one honored by long use. A hot poultice, or a sponge wrung out of hot water, applied to the chest, and well up on the neck also, helps greatly in relieving the paroxysm.

Answers to Queries.

Young Girl: If the condition is due to poor health, especially to impoverishment of the blood, you cannot hope to have color until this is corrected. The liquid given here can do no harm: Liquid ammonia, 1 dram; glycerine, 3 ounces; rose water, 4 ounces. Rub this lotion into the skin briskly. Also take deep breathing exercises and long walks in the open air. (Copyright, 1915.)

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Increasing clouds with rain Saturday. Sunday fair and cold; increasing southerly wind. For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Increasing clouds with rain Saturday. Sunday fair and cold; increasing southerly wind. For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Increasing clouds with rain Saturday. Sunday fair and cold; increasing southerly wind.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE.
At 8 a. m. 32. At 10 a. m. 34. At 12 m. 36. At 2 p. m. 38. At 4 p. m. 40. At 6 p. m. 42. At 8 p. m. 44. At 10 p. m. 46. At 12 m. 48. At 2 a. m. 50. At 4 a. m. 52. At 6 a. m. 54. At 8 a. m. 56. At 10 a. m. 58. At 12 m. 60. At 2 p. m. 62. At 4 p. m. 64. At 6 p. m. 66. At 8 p. m. 68. At 10 p. m. 70. At 12 m. 72. At 2 a. m. 74. At 4 a. m. 76. At 6 a. m. 78. At 8 a. m. 80. At 10 a. m. 82. At 12 m. 84. At 2 p. m. 86. At 4 p. m. 88. At 6 p. m. 90. At 8 p. m. 92. At 10 p. m. 94. At 12 m. 96. At 2 a. m. 98. At 4 a. m. 100.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

City	High	Low	Bar.
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Death Seizes Two Suddenly.

James E. Boardman, 74, employed in the city postoffice, was found dead in his bed at 415 Fourth street northwest yesterday. Heart failure was given as the cause of death. George W. Brown, 67, of 12 Quincy street northwest, employed in the District government repair shop at 307 K street northwest, died in the shop yesterday. Acute stomach trouble was given as the cause.

Holiday Mail Beats Records;
Capital Postal Men Jubilant

File of Incoming Packages Yesterday That Greeted Workers
Was 100 Feet Long, 12 Feet High and 30 Feet Wide.
Capital Postoffice Receipts Are \$177,323.59.

If postal business is any indication, the city of Washington is today enjoying the greatest Christmas it has ever had. More packages have been handled by the Washington Postoffice in the last six days than ever before in a similar length of time in its history. The whole country has had a greater business, as indicated by the telegrams received by the Postoffice Department, than it has had in many years. Every extra man is paid at the rate of 35 cents an hour. Each one has been permitted to work practically as many hours as he cared to.

Handled Gigantic Mail.
Yesterday the greatest mountain of incoming packages of the week greeted the day shift when they came to work at 6 o'clock in the morning. It rose to the appalling height of twelve feet and stretched for 100 feet in length. Its width was estimated at thirty feet. Roughly, it represented five divisions blended together. As it was attacked and sorted, and parcel-post deliveries secured their quota, confined to two city blocks. The entire Christmas delivery was handled on this geographic basis of two city blocks to the man. An indication of the increase of business can be found in the receipts for the first twenty-three days of December of this year and last. In 1914 it was \$150,145.62; in 1915 it was \$177,323.59. The Christmas season proper is regarded by the postal men as that lying between December 18 and Christmas Day. For 1914, from the 18th to the 24th, inclusive, the cancellations of first-class mail was 2,372,832; for the same period this year, 2,519,276. Comparison of the number of sacks dispatched: In 1914, 16,566; in 1915, 25,582. Of sacks received in 1914 there were 11,654, and this year 14,344. This is Postmaster J. O. Chance's first experience with the Washington Postoffice Christmas rush.

The Town Crier

The District of Columbia branch of the National Federation of Choirs and Musicians will give a musical and lecture at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets northwest, on January 17. The National Woman's Peace Party will hold its first annual convention at the New Willard January 8 to 10. On Sunday, January 9, will be held a big mass meeting, the principal speakers being Miss Jane Addams, Miss Helen Keller, Mrs. Catt and others.

The Socialist Party of the District will hold Sunday school tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at headquarters, 311 E street northwest. At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Jean Jaures Branch, No. 518, Workmen's Circle, will meet. At 8:15 o'clock at night Rev. Martin O'Donoghue will speak on "The Basis of War."

William English Walling, Representative from London and others will speak at a meeting to be held on the night of January 11 in Pythian Temple, under auspices of the Socialist Party of the District. Alexander K. K. Gargis, chief clerk of the department, today, the noted Russian traveler and Mr. Hazen.

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson
Upon a green hill of Virginia, where monuments to heroes stand, overlooking the Potomac from a great historic land: Over yonder in God's country, the land that gave her birth, The hill she loved so dearly, with its consecrated earth: Most brave Confederate soldiers she "asked" to lay her head, To rest forever with them—her own beloved dead.
Where, too, the towering Monument, as a sentinel it stands: The Monument for which she toiled with heart and hand and hand: She finished her life's work so lovingly to all who saw: This done, she waited bravely for the Master's call.
No loving heart could keep her. At last—without a sigh: She was ready for her summons—God's guiding hand was nigh: Sleep on, dear One, in peace, where angels guard our then: Till the final trumpet sounds and the dead shall rise from earth: Thou dost sleep in "Old Virginia," the land that "gave thee birth."
—Mrs. R. H. Bocock.

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